

**ABSTRACT**

An absorbent article which is provided with a liquid permeable surface sheet (2), a liquid impermeable leakage-prevention sheet (3) and a liquid-retaining absorbent (4) interposed between the sheets, is formed substantially oblong, and is provided on the longitudinal opposite sides thereof with a pair of right and left, elastic member-carrying three-dimensional guards (5), (5), wherein the guards (5) each has a skin-contacting surface portion (5A) formed by folding back a side on the free end (53) toward the outer side of the diaper, and elastic members in a stretched condition are respectively disposed and fixed to the skin-contacting surface portion (5A) and to the approximately widthwise central portion of a raised portion (5B) between the skin-contacting surface portion (5A) and the base end (52) of a three-dimensional guard body.

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